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THEREOF FOR TREATING HCV  
INFECTIONS

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P.O. Box 1450  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the August 26, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the period for responding to that Action for two (2) months, from November 26, 2003 up to and including January 26, 2004 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2).

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Kindly amend claims 1-2, and 4.

Pursuant to the revised amendment format of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicants have enclosed herewith a copy of the amended claims in the Claim Amendment section below: